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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18 (Amended) The use of a compound of the formula (XVIII)

 $R\text{-}O(EO)_W(PO)_x(EO)_y(PO)_z{}^{\ominus}M^{\oplus} \ (XVIII)$